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SWIFT RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC
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MASSACHUSETTS

Jan. 14th 1926.

The Mothers Club had stereoptican pictures on Childs Welfare shown in the Chapel.

Miss Nellie Brown gave an instructive talk on many of the pictures. There was a good attendance and all gave Miss Brown a rising vote of thanks and appreciation

Mrs Cora Howe

Sec.

Jan. 28th 1926.

The Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs Amy Stone.

There were sixteen adults and eight children present.

The President opened the meeting with the twenty-third Psalm and prayer all uniting with the Lords Prayer We then sang two hymns.

Reports of the last meeting were read by the Sec.

Mrs Perrins spoke in regard to the approaching town meeting, and her desire to have new and younger officials elected, said many times a change of officers was beneficial. She also endeavored to explain her motive in wishing to become a school-committ had been misrepresented and given people a wrong impression, It was not her intention to crowd any one out of office.

Mrs Stevens made some remarks about the work the school-committee had succeeded in doing the past year, including having electric lights, and some of the rooms cleaned and made more sanitary for the children. She expressed much praise and respect for the retiring Supt. Mr Lewis.

Mrs Paine read the 19th Chapter from "Mother Love in action" which we all appreciated

Mrs Parsons read a chapter from "The Mere Man" which we are always anxious to listen to.

We then continued our election topic for a few minutes, We then were served with refreshments. Mrs Howe invited the Mothers at her home for Feb meeting.

Cora M. Howe, Sec.

Feb 25th 1926.

The Mothers Club held their meeting at the home of Mrs Howe.

Eighteen mothers and nine children present, regardless of inclement weather and icy roads. Miss Nellie Brown said "it was impossible for her to be there in body, but would be with us in mind. The meeting opened by repeating the Beatitudes in union. Our President offered prayer, all uniting with the Lords Prayer.

Mrs Parsons read a poem "Mother Heart" The Sec. report was read and accepted We sang three hymns, Mrs Paine played the piano. Mrs Damon read two interesting Chapters from "Mother Love in action" "Father this is for you"

and "Story-telling for the Children".
Mrs Howe read a story "House-hold
tasks for boys" which we all enjoyed.
Mrs Stone read an article entitled
"Decended from Adam, which we all
appreciated. Mrs Parsons read two
chapters from the book "A mere Man"
Being Neighborly, and How they spend
their Sundays. Meeting closed with
another hymn. Refreshments were
served by our Hostess, Miss Nellie
Brown furnished us a nice treat
of cup cakes and candy a social hour
followed. Mrs Howe very kindly
invited us to Mr. Howe's camp for a
meeting. We all most heartily thanked
her, and I we can visulize the delightful
time we shall have.

Sec. Cora M. Howe

Mar. 25th 1926.

The March Mothers Meeting was held in the home of Mrs Paine. 19 grown people and 15 children. The meeting opened by singing two hymns "God Bless Our Children Dear" and "Blest be the tie that binds" Mrs Paine played the piano. Our president read from the bible and offered prayer, all joining in the Lords prayer.

Our Sec'y being unable to attend a Sec'y protem was chosen, Mrs Damon filling the vacancy. Mrs Fannie Downing read an interesting letter, written by Mrs Norman Chaffs nephew, who is a missionary in Foochow China of attending and helping dress a Chinese bride for her wedding. Some of the events that took place at the wedding seemed very strange to us

Mrs Uracius read, "The Childs Reading" by Viola Merrel Lyle on the books we should choose for our children to read. Mrs Parsons read several short poems including "Bryants Forest Hymn," and The Sand Piper and a few others which were all enjoyed. Mrs Perrens read two chapters from Mother Love & Action on Nature Stories, which we should read & teach our children when they are very young. We all know we should choose the best. Mrs Parsons read from The Mere Man. The Valley of the Shadow Very sad, but true to life. Mrs Edith Downing suggested having a speaker at the next meeting and invited us to meet at her home. It was voted to have Miss Read of the Forest Park Library give us a talk on books & Etc. We all gave Mrs Downing

a vote of thanks for her kind invitation and it was also voted to invite the Dunabbin Club to attend this next meeting. The meeting adjourned and sandwiches, cake & coffee were served. A good time was enjoyed by all

Leila Damon
Sec'y Protem.

April 29th 1926.

The Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs Edith Downing. There were thirty seven grown ups and several children present. This meeting in Judea Dunbbin Club open with the twenty-third Psalm in unison The President led us in prayer and we joined with the Lords prayer Sec. report was read and accepted. Miss Ruth Read of the children's department of the Forest Park Branch of the Springfield Library gave us a very interesting lecture on books and the influence we receive by reading good books. She gave us names and prices of a great many books that were worth while for both young and old to read

Mrs Rohan gave both Quabbin & Mothers Club an invitation to Grange Hall May 5th to attend the exhibit of baskets & other articles that the class in basketry had made. Mrs Austin also invited both clubs to Childrens night May 29th
Meeting closed with a social hour and refreshments, which we all enjoyed very much.
Mrs Mabel Rohan invited the club to hold their next meeting at her home

Cora M. Hoar
Sec.

May 27th 1926.

Owing to the various demands from outside sources such as Grange, Memorial Day and other events, it seemed best to omit the regular May meeting of the Mothers Club. Because of this omission our Pres. asked the following members Mrs Fargo, Mrs Maurice Rohan & Mrs J.E. Horr to serve as a nominating committee to report at the June meeting

Cora M. Horr

Sec.

June 24th

The Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs Maurice Rohan.
There were thirty four ladies and, twenty seven Children present.
Our President opened the meeting reading the 14th Chapter of John
We repeated the 23d Psalm in unison
President led us in prayer all joining with the Lords prayer. Devotional exercises were closed by singing a familiar hymn
The Sec. report was read and accepted
The names which the nominating committee presented to serve the ensuing year were unanimously accepted
and are as follows.

President Mrs. F. E. Parsons
Vice " " Curtis
Sec " Myrtle Uracious

Directors Miss Nellie Brown
" Mrs Eva Dickinson
" " Maurice Rohan
" " Fred Buss
Social committee Mrs Flora Rafters

Mrs Paine read Chapter twenty five from Mother love in action
Mrs Hver read a short story.
Mrs Robert Woods related a true story about Hannahs love for a child in 1822. She prayed for a baby and God gave her a darling baby boy. She named her baby Samuel. He grew up to be a very studious boy and very anxious to go to college, which seemed impossible on account of financial circumstances. His loving mother had a beautiful coat

and she told Samuel to take the cow
to college, and sell all the milk he did not need
He accepted her offer, and succeeded in
obtaining a college education.
Later he continued his course and
became a minister, and went to India
as a Missionary. Rev. Samuel Fairbanks
son of John & Hannah Fairbanks.
He married, and became the father
of Mrs Robert Woods.
Mrs Woods also exhibited dolls
showing the costumes of the natives
of India.
We closed by singing another hymn,
and a social hour followed
with a bountiful supply of refreshments
and ice cream.

Sec. Cora Harr

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Sept 30th 1926

The Mother's Club met at the home of Mrs Buss. There were 22 grown people and 4 children. Our president opened the meeting by scripture reading, followed by Prayer, all uniting with the Lord's Prayer. Mrs Hill played the piano and we sang 2 hymns, "Blest be the tie that binds", and "Work is Sweet for God has blest". Mrs Parsons read an interesting poem; As our Secretary ~~being~~ was unable to attend, it was necessary to appoint a sec. pro tem.

Mrs Horr was chosen to supply the vacancy. The report of the last meeting was read and stood approved. The President read a letter of appreciation f-

Mr. Moore and Mr & Mrs Thayer for the floral tribute given in loving remembrance to Mrs. Moore.

It was voted to finish reading the book that we read last years and to renew the same magazines for the coming year.

Mrs Bartlett read two chapters from Mother's Love in Action, The collecting "Bug" and out of Doors Lessons.

Mrs Amy Stone read a story which we all enjoyed.

Mrs Parsons read a chapter from "The Mere Man and his Money" Mrs Hoar read an article. When the Boy is grown". Meeting closed for a social hour and refreshments were served.

Cora Hoar Sec. pro tem

Oct 28. 1926

The Mother's Club met at the home of Mrs Edw. Dickinson. There were nineteen ladies and 11 Children Present.

Our President opened the meeting reading from the bible followed by a Prayer and all uniting with the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs Paine played the piano and we sang two hymns.

"How Firm a Foundation" and Our Children"

as Thanksgiving comes ~~tha~~ on the last Thur., It was voted to hold our meeting the 3th Thursday in Nov. The secretary's report was read and accepted.

Nov 18th 1926

The Mother's Club met at the home of Mrs Curtis. There were eleven ladies and five children.

Mrs. Parsons read from the Bible the story of the 10 lepers, followed by Prayer and all uniting in the Lord's Prayer.

Then we sand the Hymn "My Faith looks up to Thee.

Mrs Parsons then read 2 poems which we all enjoyed.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The subscriptions to the magazines have been renewed.

Mrs Masons read two chapters from the book ~~in~~ "Mothers love in Action"

Mrs Parsons read from the book "Mere Man and his Problems. after which parts were discussed.

Meeting closed with Social hour in which refreshments were served.

Myrtle G Macris Sec.

Jan 27, 1927

The Mother's Club met at the home of Mrs. Maurice Rohan with eleven members and guests and twelve children

Psalm 121 was said in Unison after which prayer was offered all Uniting in Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Mrs Parsons read several Poems " about Ben Adem. The Day is Done, House beside the Road, In Flanders Field and The Children's Hour"

Mrs Uracius read 2 chapters in "Mother's Love in action."

Mrs Parsons read from the book "Mere man and his Problems.

Mrs Parsons read a story
"Is Your a house or a home.
The meeting closed followed
by a social hour in which
refreshments were served.

Myrtle G. Macias
Sec.

Feb. 24. 1927.

The Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs. Paine. There were twenty-one ladies and twenty children present.

Our President opened the meeting by reading the 1st Chapter of John followed by a prayer all uniting in the Lords prayer.

Mrs. Paine played the piano and we all sang 2 songs. "Our Children" and "O love that wilt not let me go."

The Secretarys report was read and accepted.

Miss Brown subscribed for the magazine "Childs Study".

Mrs. Parsons read from the book "New Man and his Problems."

Mrs. Stone read from the book "Mother's Love in action".

Mrs Curtis read an interesting article "Recreation in the Home".

We closed the meeting by singing "Blest be the tie that binds".

A social hour followed in which refreshments were served.

Myrtle G. Uracius
Sec.

March 31. 1927

The Mothers Club met with Mrs. Peeso for our March Meeting. with 12 mothers and 12 children.

Meeting opened by singing 2 verses of God Bless our children dear. and hymn.

For the Devotional service, Mrs. Curtiss read a Passage of Scripture from Luke after which the 23th Psalm was repeated in Unison. followed by Prayer all uniting in Lords Prayer. Mrs. Curtiss read a poem "The Lost Sheep." The minutes of the last meeting was read and accepted. The motion was made and accepted that our secretary write Mrs. Parsons a letter of thanks and appreciation

for all her kindness and work for the Mother's club.

The motion was made & accepted that the Secy be made responsible for arrangements for a club picture to be taken in the near future.

Mrs Paine read 2 selections. "Your Boy and Girl" written by Arthur Dean and a fine reading written by Dorothy Dix.

We all enjoyed a friendly talk on "Our most important duties to our children and we all received some very fine ideas. Meeting closed with a Lenten Prayer by Mrs. Maurice Rohan. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all

Selma Damon
Secy Protem

Apr. 28. 1927

The Mothers club met in the home of Mrs Edw. Rafters with eleven ladies and five children present.

Mrs Curtis opened the meeting by reading two passages from the bible and a prayer of Edgar Guests.

Mrs Paine led us in prayer after which the Lords Prayer was repeated in unison.

The Secretarys report was then read and accepted.

a Commitee of 2 ~~was~~. Mrs Paine and Mrs. Hanks was appointed to find out the cost of transportation for our outing in June.

Mrs Curtis read from the books,

"Sex Education and How shall I tell my child". after which a discussion followed.

The meeting then closed. followed by a social hour in which refreshments were served.

Myrtle G. Thacum.
Sec.

May 26. 1927

The Mother's Club met in the home of Mrs. Walter Brown. There were 20 ladies and 7 children present.

The meeting opened by singing hymns, "Beneath the cross of Jesus" and "From Every Stormy Wind" Mrs. Curtis read the 9th chapter of Mathew. The Twenty Third Psalm was repeated in unison, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Paine. Then a prayer was offered by Mrs. Curtis.

The Secretary's report was then read and accepted.

Mrs. Damon, Mrs Rohan and Mrs Hanks was appointed to serve as nominating Commitee

A passing of the Torch was read by Mrs Curtis an a Poem. It was always Button. Button, Button read by Mrs Paine.

Mrs Sargo read a letter from Miss Boice inviting the Ladies of Enfield to a Picnic at Laurel Park.

The meeting then closed a social hour followed in which refreshments were served.

Myrtle G Macrus
Sec.

The June meeting of the Mother's Club was held at Mrs Paine's. Seven ladies being present.
The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the following officers were then elected

President Mrs Paine
Vice President Mrs. Curtis
Secretary Mrs. Fargo
Social Committee { Mrs Uracius
Mrs Ely.

Directors Mrs Reeso
Mrs. Rafters
Mrs. Stock
Miss Brown.

Sixty cents ~~of~~ was taken from the Club's treasury to pay for Picture that was sent to Mrs Parsons.

this was the last meeting of club until Sept. the meeting then closed.

Myrtle G. Macias
Sec.

Sept. 1927

The first meeting of the Mother's club was in the home of Mrs Stock, with fifteen adults and nine children present. Mrs Paine, our president, opened the exercises with a reading of a Psalm. Then all joined in reading the 1st Psalm. This was followed by Prayer and the singing of one hymn.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs Paine then asked us to be thinking of about some one for president, as she is not going to be able to keep the office.

Mrs Rohan then read "Diary of a Mother" "Telling the clever way her husband had of talking to their boy about smoking."

Mrs Hanks gave two readings entitled, "Scandals of the Garden" & "Other People's Possessions"

Poem, "Ballad of Today" was read by Mrs Fargo and another poem read by Mrs Webster.

Mrs Paina read a piece about teachers & parents, entitled. "Have you forgotten?"

A pleasant chat followed, and a decision was made to hold the next meeting in the chapel and have it in the form of a "Quilting Bee." Mrs Brown & Mrs Hanks promised to furnish Frames. Meeting then adjourned and sandwiches, cake & tea were enjoyed by all. Mrs Geneva Nesbit joined the club.

Secretary

Mrs H. D. Fargo

October 27 1927

Mother's Club met in chapel, nineteen mothers being present.
Meeting opened with a Hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee." A reading of a Psalm, & Prayer, by Mrs Curtiss, all repeated the Lord's Prayer.
Then Ladies went to work lacking quilts. During the lacking, Mrs Stevens read a piece entitled "Twigs." showing how children, like twigs, should get the correct start when young.
Three quilts were lacked, one for Mrs Dawson & two for Mrs Hawks.
Mrs Hydel, Mrs Curtiss, Mrs Rohan and Mrs Webber each promised to bring a quilt for next meeting. And a vote was taken to serve Tea after two quilts were finished, & then do the other two.
Minutes of the Last meeting were read

and accepted. It was then agreed upon
to hold the next meeting in the
Chapel, on the third Thursday of Novembe
on account of the next one being
Thanksgiving.

Coffee, cake, sandwiches & cookies were
served. & Ten children took refreshments
with us.

Meeting closed with games & marshmallow
toasting gathered up. & good nights said.

Mrs M. L. Fargo
Sec

Nov. 17. 1927

The Mother's Club met again in the chapel, with 17 adults present. Five handsome quilts were tacked. Refreshments were served, and during that time the President read the 1st Psalm & a prayer. Then led us in prayer. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. Then there was a discussion about accepting the magazines from Miss Brown, when so few read them which amounted to wasted breath as no decision was made. Mrs Webster, Mrs Rohan, Mrs Webber and Mrs Fargo each agreed to bring a quilt to be tied at next meeting.

I suppose the meeting closed when last quilt was tacked as. I did not stay until the finish.

Mrs H. D. Fargo
Sec.

June 28

The last meeting of the year was held with Mrs Walter Brown, June 2 with 17 adults and 10 children present. Program opened by singing two Hymns. Then read together the "Genial Thanksgiving Prayer" from our Hymn book. Our President Mrs Price, then led us in prayer.
Mrs Fargo read a poem entitled, "The Calf Path" + a reist. "Never Before".
Secretary's report was then read and accepted.
Mrs Rohan read, "Our Instincts & Their Uses" by (A. H. Palmer)
Mrs Heidel + Mrs Fielding gave us two piano duets, enjoyed by all.
Mrs Gracious then read a piece entitled "Take Time for the Children"
Mrs Curtis then gave us a good talk

on the same topic. and said that
by her own experiences she knew that all Mothers
needed Help from God to do their
duty by their families
Lyman Brown gave two piano
selections which we all enjoyed.
Then his Mother gave us a reading
about "Transcontinal Highways".
Ten being several routes for motorists
to take to cross the country & see places
of most ~~scenic~~ scenic & historical interests
the trails going from East to West.
Two of the interesting cities to visit
were Phoenix (Ariz.) and El Paso (Texas)
At the latter is a church standing that
was built in 1659.
The Lincoln Highway was the one spoken
of mostly. This road has cost $5'000'000

so far, & is not yet completed
The President chose a nominating
committee. Mrs Morris, Mrs Stuck and
Mrs Fargo. We picked our officers
to be voted on at the next meeting
A motion was made & accepted to
hold a Basket Picnic, The 2nd of
August up at Mrs Bains house in
Packardville. If the 2nd was stormy
The Picnic would be the following week
the 9th.
A bountifull repast & social time
followed.

Mrs Bessie Fargo
Secretary.

Aug. 2. 1928.

The Mothers Club met August 2nd with Mrs Faire at Packardville with 22 members and guests present.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were also served by the Hostess Mrs. Faire, after which games were played by both grown up and the children.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Pres. Mrs. Faire

Sec. report read and accepted

The following officers and committees were voted on and elected for the coming year.

Pres.- Mrs. Heidt
V. Pres - Mrs. Horr
Sec. - Mrs. Fielding

Directors —
Miss Brown
Mrs. Nellie Brown
Mrs Dan —

Social Com.

Mrs. Kaffer

Mrs. Stock

Mrs. Brown made suggestion in regard to reading a part of some selected book at each meeting.

After a few pleasing remarks by our new President, Mrs. Heidel, the meeting adjourned at 4:15.

It was agreed to meet in the Chapel last Thursday we left.

T. L. Fielding

Secretary

Sept. 27, 1928.

The Mothers Club met Sept. 27, at the Chapel with 8 members present.

Owing to the weather, our Pres., Mrs. Heidel, invited the Club to her home.

Meeting opened with a song & reading a Prayer from Hymnal.

Sec. report read & accepted

Mrs. Herr gave 2 readings "Somebody's Mother" & "The Deacons Choice" which we enjoyed very much.

It was decided to tie quilt at Chapel Oct. 25 and 5 cts for each one to pay 5 cents to janitor for building fire.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

E. L. Fielding.

Oct. 25, 1928

The Methodist Club met at Chapel Oct 25
with seven members present.
The ladies present had quilts and
enjoyed a social afternoon
No business meeting was held.
Etc.

M. T. Tidwell

Nov. 15, 1928

The Mothers' Club met at Lake with 17 member present.

Meeting opened with Prayer and singing.

Suggestions were made for readings book at the next meeting. Mrs. Reed recommended "Adventures in Friendship" by David Grayson.

Several readings followed,

"Thrift" - Mrs. Caine.

"Dressing like a Lady" Mrs. Reed,

"Path of Everyday" Mrs. Fielding.

There was also a piano solo, by Mrs. Fields.

Cake & Coffee were enjoyed at the close of the business meeting.

Sec.

Mrs. Fielding.

May 16, 1929

Mothers' Club Met with Mrs. Judd May 16 with 8 members present. Meeting opened with Prayer and singing Frank Hymnal.

Sec. absent and followed by reading of letter received from Mrs. Robert Tilson thanking the Members of the Mothers' Club for their sympathy and flowers at the death of his Mother.

Readings were enjoyed and given by Mrs. Judd Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Paine. Mrs. Brown's readings were Running the City & Mass. Frisk Cuffield Hospital. Mrs. Brown's current Event were very interesting and Edward P-k's ~~story~~ on the "singing Tower" in Florida, read by Mrs. Paine was duly enjoyed.

Mrs. Judd & Mrs. Fielding gave a Piano Duet & Piano Solo by Mrs. Fielding. Mrs. Judd songs were fine and Read By your Window were much enjoyed. President appointed the following Nominating committee

Mrs. Davis
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Estes

A social hour followed with Refreshments.

Meeting adjourned
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Laurena Fielding
Sec

June 27, 1929.

The Annual Meeting of The Mothers' Club met with Mrs. Walter Brown June 27th. 12 members were present.

The meeting opened by singing: followed by Bible Reading and Prayer.

Secretary's Report read and accepted.

Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President -	Mrs. Brown
Vice " -	Mrs. Starr
Sec.	Mrs. Paine
Directors -	Miss Brown
	Mrs. Fielding
	Mrs. Damon.

All were voted on and elected to fill the respective offices.

Mrs. Brown read an amusing story by Joseph Lincoln in which the Pass Word seemed to be "Hi. Rosa."

June. 1929.

During the months from June, 1928 - to June 1929 there were 6 meetings of the Mothers' Club - Three meetings were held with Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Hiddl & Mrs. Brown. 3 meetings were in the Chapel at which time several quilts were tied. The Basket Picnic (or rather - the "Out door Banquet) at Mrs. Paine's home in Packardville on Aug 2nd was a most enjoyable affair. Our Pres., Mrs. Hiddl graciously entertained the Mothers during the cold weather meetings - Both the Annual Meetings were held at Mrs. Brown's home were every member is always so happy to go -

altogether it has been a delightful year to look back upon. But we must not overlook the regret every member feels as we count the Mothers who have left this circle. The passing of our dear friend, Mrs. Tilson, reminds us of the example of cheerfulness, & patience she proved to be.

The officers for last year were

Pres. Mrs. Tindel
V. " " Storr
Sec. " Fielding
Directors - Miss Brown
Mrs. Walter Brown
Mrs. Damon.

We are looking forward to another pleasant year with the new officers. Mrs. Brown as Pres.
" Storr - V. "
Dame - Sec.
Directors - Miss Brown
Mrs. Fielding
Mrs. Damon

Mrs. Paine read an interesting story of Marion Tally's retirment from Opera.

Mrs. Dickinson next read about the "Summer Camps for Mothers".

Two new members, Mrs. Willet and Mrs. Hammond, were taken in to the Club.

During the social hour, refreshments were served and much enjoyed by all.

Meeting adj. at 5. P. M. to meet again in Sept. at which time annual summary for 1928 & 1929 is to be read

Sec. Laura Fielding.